

ATTENTION POOL OWNERS

New Law

Required Anti-Entrapment Suction Outlets Cover



Effective January 1, 2007, Swimming Pool and Safety Act of 2006 (Assembly Bill 2977) requires the following:

Whenever a building permit is issued for the remodel or modification of a single family home with an existing swimming pool, toddler pool, or spa, or the remodel of an existing swimming pool, toddler pool, or spa, the permit shall require that the suction outlet(s) of the existing swimming pool, toddler pool or spa be upgraded so as to be equipped with an anti-entrapment cover meeting current standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME/ANSI A112.19.8).

A City inspection is required to verify compliance with the above noted requirement prior to final approval. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to make sure the required covers meet the current standards of ASME/ANSI A112.19.8 and are installed per the manufacturer's installation instructions and where required by AB 2977. If there is water in the existing swimming pool, toddler pool or spa, the required inspection and verification cannot be performed. Instead of requiring the property owner to empty the swimming pool, toddler pool or spa, the property owner is given the option of completing and signing a certificate attesting compliance with the above noted requirement.

The City's interpretation of the wording "a building permit is issued for the remodel or modification of a single family home" to mean any building permit issued for work on the property except for maintenance, replacement and/or repair permits such as water heater replacement permit, gas line repair permit, foundation repair permit.. etc.

For pool safety and product information, please visit the following websites:

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission
<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/chdrown.html>

The American Academy of Pediatrics
<http://www.aap.org/family/tippool.htm>

The California Coalition For Children's Safety and Health
<http://www.sacadvocacy.com/cccs/cccsabout.html>